

May 24, 2017

## **Ex Parte**

Ms. Marlene Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: <u>USTelecom Ex Parte Notice Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90</u>

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, May 24, 2017, the undersigned e-mailed to Alex Minard of the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) the attached list of census blocks (CBs) that have been improperly assigned to various price cap carriers. In its Connect America Fund (CAF) proceeding, the Commission previously acknowledged the potential for the "inaccurate assignment" by the CAM and encouraged price cap carriers to bring such situations involving a known disparity to the Commission's attention.¹ The Commission also delegated authority to the Bureau to address these situations.² USTelecom recommends that the CBs reflected in the attached be included in the list of CBs available for the upcoming auction.

Pursuant to Commission rules, please include this ex parte letter in the above identified proceeding.

Sincerely,

Kevin G. Rupy

Vice President, Law & Policy

cc: Alex Minard

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Report and Order, Connect America Fund, 29 FCC Rcd. 15644, FCC 14-190, ¶ 38 (released December 18, 2014).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id.*, n. 88.